

# House File 662 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 369)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vital statistics, including access to birth  
2 records and vital statistics fees collected by the state and  
3 county registrars of vital statistics.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 144.13A, Code 2015, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The state registrar shall provide the  
4 county registrars with access to all birth records available  
5 through the electronic birth certificate system, including all  
6 records provided in accordance with section 144.13 or section  
7 144.14 and birth records that are prepared and delivered to  
8 parents named in an adoption decree pursuant to section 600.13,  
9 subsection 5.

10 Sec. 2. Section 144.46, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
11 2015, is amended by striking the paragraph.

12 Sec. 3. Section 144.46, Code 2015, is amended by adding the  
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The department may establish and  
15 maintain, and either the state registrar or the county  
16 registrar is authorized to collect, a fee for a search of the  
17 files or records when no copy is made, or when no record is  
18 found on file.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill relates to vital statistics, including access  
23 to birth records and fees collected by the state and county  
24 registrars of vital statistics.

25 The bill requires the state registrar of vital statistics  
26 to provide county registrars with access to all birth records  
27 available through the electronic birth certificate system.

28 Under current law, the department of public health is  
29 required to establish a vital statistics fee, based on average  
30 administrative costs, for searches of files or records when a  
31 copy of the file or record is not made or when the record is not  
32 found. Current law also requires that the fee be collected by  
33 the state registrar and county registrars (county recorders).  
34 The bill strikes the current Iowa Code provision requiring  
35 this fee but provides that the department may establish such

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1 a fee and that the state registrar or county registrars are  
2 authorized to collect such fees.